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SUBJ: JAPANESE COMPUTER SYSTEM TO PRC - IL 1565

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1. JAPANESE DEL CALLED ON USDEL SEPT. 8 TO DISCUSS JAPANESE REACTION TO US OBJECTION TO REFCASE. HE STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE DISMAYED BY US POSITION AND DISTURBED THAT IT HAD TAKEN US OVER SIX MONTHS ONLY TO RESUSCITATE PROBLEM WHICH COMMITTEE HAD ITSELF ADDRESSED MONTHS BEFORE AT THE REQUEST OF THE GERMAN DELEGATE. HIS AUTHORITIES WISHED TO REITERATE, HE SAID, THE ESTABLISHED CIVILIAN END USE OF THE EQUIPMENT AND THE VARIOUS SIGNED STATEMENTS OBTAINED THROUGH THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION. HE NOTED THAT THE SYSTEM WAS REASONABLE FOR THE STATED END USE, AND THAT ITS USE WOULD, IN ANY EVENT, BE MONITORED BY THE JAPANESE METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY IN TOKYO WHICH IS CHARGED WITH TRANSMITTING THE CHINESE METEOROLOGICAL DATA TO THE VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE WORLD. IN LIGHT OF THE US POSITION, HIS AUTHORITIES, HE SAID, WOULD ALSO CONSIDER APPLYING QUARTERLY
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REPORTING CONDITIONS ON THE SUPPLIER FOR THREE YEARS AND YEARLY REPORTING THEREAFTER.

2. AS TO BASIS OF US OBJECTION, HE STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES REGRET IT HAD TAKEN US SIX MONTHS TO REACT TO SAFEGUARDS QUESTION WHICH HAD BEEN AN OBVIOUS ISSUE RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING. HE FELT THAT AFTER SUCH A

DELAY THE US AT LEAST OWED A MORE SUBSTANTIVE JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH A POSITION. HE REQUESTED THAT USDEL DELAY TAKING FORMAL POSITION IN COCOM UNTIL FURTHER DISCUSSIONS COULD BE HAD BETWEEN JAPANESE AND US TECHNICIANS. JAPANESE TECHNICIANS WOULD BE WILLING TO COME TO WASHINGTON IN THE NEAR FUTURE, HE INDICATED, TO DISCUSS THIS CASE. IN THE MEANTIME, HE COULD AGREE TO HAVING THE CASE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA PENDING THE OUTCOME OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN US.

3. IN ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRARY, US WILL ACCEDE TO JAPANESE REQUEST AND WITHHOLD FROM MAKING FORMAL OBJECTION AT THIS TIME. JAPANESE DELEGATION WILL REQUEST AT COCOM MEETING SEPT. 13 THAT CASE BE REMOVED FROM AGENDA PENDING OUTCOME OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH US.

4. COMMENT: IF AND WHEN USDEL IS INSTRUCTED TO ENTER A FORMAL OBJECTION TO THIS CASE IN COCOM, HE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING A MORE SUBSTANTIAL JUSTIFICATION THAN CONTAINED IN REFTEL. SAFEGUARDS ISSUE BY ITSELF HAS LOST CONSIDERABLE POTENCY BY NOT HAVING BEEN RAISED EARLIER. WE WOULD NOW HAVE TO MAKE MORE COMPELLING ARGUMENT AS TO WHY SAFEGUARDS ARE VIEWED AS INSUFFICIENT AND AS TO WHY WE BELIEVE THAT STRATEGIC RISKS OUTWEIGH THE APPROPRIATE
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RENT CIVILIAN END USE. ALTHOUGH BURDEN IS ON JAPAN AS REQUESTING MEMBER TO JUSTIFY ITS EXCEPTION CASE, IT WOULD COST US IN TERMS OF THE GENERAL CREDIBILITY OF ITS OBJECTIONS IN THE COMMITTEE TO OBJECT TO THIS VERY IMPORTANT CASE AFTER SUCH A LONG DELAY WITHOUT PROVIDING A CONVINCING JUSTIFICATION.
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